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**Romney Administration Announces \$1.6 Million to Fund 10 Projects
Targeting Nonpoint Source Pollution**

Regional and Local Projects to Focus on Pollution Prevention and Education

Environmental Affairs Secretary Robert W. Golledge, Jr. and Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) Acting Commissioner Arleen O'Donnell today announced that 10 projects worth nearly \$1.6 million in funding have been recommended as part of the federal fiscal year 2007 Section 319 Nonpoint Source Competitive Grant Program.

"Eliminating nonpoint source pollution represents one of our greatest challenges to water quality improvements," Secretary Golledge said. "These grants are part of the Romney-Healey Administration's comprehensive efforts to preserve the unique character of our communities, and to make sure Massachusetts remains the kind of place where people want to live, work, raise families and visit."

"It is critical for the health of our lakes and streams to eliminate pollution from nonpoint sources," Commissioner O'Donnell said. "These funds will assist municipalities and stakeholder groups to implement projects that will directly benefit drinking water sources, aquatic recreational areas and the fish stocks which live in these waterways."

The projects will help to protect Massachusetts' water resources by restoring and preserving watershed areas, constructing storm-water treatment systems, demonstrating innovative technologies, and educating the public on how to protect sensitive natural resources. Recipients include municipalities, planning commissions, and watershed and conservation groups.

The projects approved are located in the following communities: North Reading, Bedford, Barnstable, Scituate, Sutton and Douglas, Ludlow, Pittsfield, and two projects connected to the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

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The 319 grant program focuses on implementation of measures to control nonpoint sources (NPS) of water pollution. NPS pollution is caused by diffuse sources that are not regulated and are normally associated with precipitation and runoff from the land or infiltration into the soil. Common types of NPS pollution include phosphorus and nitrogen from lawn and garden fertilizers, bacteria from pet waste and waterfowl, oil and grease from parking lots, and sediment from construction activities and soil erosion.

Each of these projects was reviewed and approved by MassDEP and the federal Environmental Protection Agency. Funding for the projects, totaling \$1,580,000, will be available this fall.

MassDEP is responsible for ensuring clean air and water, safe management and recycling of solid and hazardous wastes, timely cleanup of hazardous waste sites and spills, and the preservation of wetlands and coastal resources.

A full listing of funded projects is attached



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List of Recommended 2007 Section 319 NPS Grant Projects

A 40% non-federal match is required for all projects

Project title: **Martins Pond Shoreline Restoration and Sediment Reduction Project**

Project applicant: Town of North Reading

EOEA Watershed: Ipswich

319 funding: \$218,600 Project total: \$384,920

Project title: **Bedford NPS Project**

Project applicant: Town of Bedford

EOEA Watershed: Shawsheen

319 funding: \$95,775 Project total: \$159,653

Project title: **Operation and Maintenance of the Massachusetts Alternative Septic System Test Center**

Project applicant: Barnstable County Dept. of Health and the Environment

EOEA Watershed: Statewide

319 funding: \$121,611 Project total: \$213,441

Project title: **Herring River Coastal Low Impact Development Project**

Project applicant: Town of Scituate

EOEA Watershed: South Coastal

319 funding: \$108,760 Project total: \$183,274

Project title: **First Herring Brook Low Impact Development Stormwater Enhancements**

Project applicant: Town of Scituate

EOEA Watershed: South Coastal

319 funding: \$256,500 Project total: \$429,700

Project title: **Manchaug Pond NPS Improvement Project**

Project applicant: Manchaug Pond Association, Sutton and Douglas

EOEA Watershed: Blackstone

319 funding: \$129,250 Project total: \$219,370

Project title: **River Street Best Management Practice Implementation**

Project applicant: Town of Ludlow

EOEA Watershed: Chicopee

319 funding: \$77,768 Project total: \$131,792

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Project title: **Oak Hill Tributary Improvement Project**

Project applicant: City of Pittsfield

EOEA Watershed: Housatonic

319 funding: \$207,000

Project total: \$474,600

Project title: **Reducing NPS from Equine Facilities**

Project applicant: University of Massachusetts-Amherst

EOEA Watershed: Statewide

319 funding: \$149,736

Project total: \$256,480

Project title: **Stormwater and Low Impact Development Technology Transfer**

Project applicant: University of Massachusetts-Amherst

EOEA Watershed: Statewide

319 funding: \$225,000

Project total: \$375,006

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